

NorthWestern Plans Friday Outage In Avon

AVON — NorthWestern Energy has scheduled a power outage in the city of Avon beginning at 1:30 p.m. Friday. The outage will last approximately 90 minutes.

"This outage is needed to complete some upgrades to equipment in our substation that serves the entire city of Avon and some farms in the region," said Brad Wenande, Yankton area manager.

Customers with questions may call the Contact Center at (800) 245-6977.

Press And Dakotan Requests Your Memories

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 — an event that has changed the lives of countless people everywhere.

As part of the 10th-anniversary observance, the *Press & Dakotan* is seeking comments from readers concerning where they were when the attacks happened and how that day has changed their lives.

We ask that you limit your comments to 300 words. Please send them to 9/11 Anniversary, Yankton Press & Dakotan, P.O. Box 56, Yankton, SD 57078, or email them to views@yankton.net. The deadline for these submissions is Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Final MNRR Seasonal Events Announced

The rangers at Missouri National Recreational River will be winding up the season with four programs this weekend:

- Friday 5:30 p.m., Niobrara State Park, RV Campground — "Where's the Park?" Get a glimpse of nearby National Park Service sites in Nebraska and South Dakota, and an in-depth overview of the special places within the Missouri National Recreational River corridor.

- Saturday 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Lewis & Clark Visitor Center — "The Needs of Endangered Species." Find out what you can do to save the Missouri River's endangered species.

- Saturday 7 p.m., Lewis & Clark Recreation Area, Midway Amphitheater — "Free Land!" Re-live the hardships and rewards of homesteading in this 20-minute video, followed by an interactive display of common items used by the homesteaders, and copies of Charles Ingalls' homestead documents from DeSmet, Dakota Territory.

- Saturday 8 p.m., Niobrara State Park, Cramer Interpretive Shelter — "Night Sky" What are you seeing in the sky? Stars, planets, spacecraft? Learn a little about what's "out there" and see the International Space Station coast overhead at 17,000 miles per hour. Contingent on sky conditions; call Niobrara state park at 402-857-3373 to confirm.

Final Weekend Of Tours At Gavins Point Set

Labor Day weekend marks the end of 2011 tour season at the Gavins Point Powerplant.

There will be no tours on Friday, Sept. 2. The final public tours will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 3-4, with tours starting at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. On Monday, Sept. 5, tours will be at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Tours for school, civic and church groups can be scheduled for September through May by calling the Lewis and Clark Visitor Center at 402-667-2546.

'The Time At Which' To Be Presented At G.A.R.

Yankton Area Arts is hosting an exhibition entitled "The Time at Which" featuring the paintings of local artist Jennifer Barta. The show runs from Sept. 2-Oct. 11 at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery at 508 Douglas Avenue.

A First Friday reception to honor the artist will be held at 5-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, at the G.A.R. Gallery. There is no charge for the reception, the public is invited to attend, and refreshments will be served. Barta will be on hand to introduce the exhibit and speak about the evolution of her paintings during the Gallery Talk which will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery and Yankton Area Arts are located at 508 Douglas. The gallery is open to the public free of charge from 1-5 p.m. weekdays and from 1-3 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information, call 665-9754, email yaa@iw.net or see www.YanktonAreaArts.org.

First Friday is a monthly event designed to promote access to the arts in the community.

Contact Center Releases Most Needed Items

Many organizations and churches will begin their annual holiday collection programs this fall. One thing the Yankton Food Pantry always runs short on is paper and toiletry items. Pantry officials ask the public to take into consideration donating items such as bar soap, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, brushes, combs, deodorant, toilet paper, size 4, 5 and 6 diapers, shaving cream, razors and powdered laundry detergent.

Whatever you choose to donate, rest assured everything gets used unless the "use by" date has passed.

The Contact Center Food Pantry is in need of some food items as well as the personal items. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and much needed. Some of the items we could use are: Hamburger and Tuna Helpers; Tuna; Macaroni and Cheese; Vegetable and Chicken Noodle soup; Peanut butter and Jelly; Mashed potatoes; Instant Rice; Ketchup, Mayo, and Mustard; Canned fruits such as: Peaches, Pears, Mandarin Oranges; Whole kernel corn; Pork and beans; Cereal or instant oatmeal; Cake mixes, brownies, frostings; Saltine crackers.

The Yankton Food Pantry and Contact Center accepts donations made by the citizens of Yankton and the surrounding communities. If you have any questions, call Kelli at 605-260-4414.

4-H ACCURACY



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The South Dakota 4-H Youth State Shoot - Open Team Division Winners from the Yankton area are: Left to right, Kyle Katterhagen, Ty Novak, Sam Hummel, Weston Moysis and down front Dustin Gusso. Sam won the Jr open Doubles division.

AAA Encourages Labor Day Partiers to Call Tippy Tow

SIoux FALLS — AAA South Dakota is once again offering free rides and tows for anyone who has had too much to drink and feels unsafe behind the wheel. The "Tippy Tow" community service program will give the individual's vehicle and up to two people a free ride home.

Tippy Tow starts at 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2 and ends at 2 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6 and is available in Mitchell, Aberdeen, Yankton, Rapid City and Sioux Falls. The service is free and open to AAA members and nonmembers alike.

"Many of us will be spending this last weekend of the summer celebrating with family and friends," said Mark Madeja,

spokesman for AAA South Dakota. "However, if the celebration involves the consumption of alcohol, we urge motorists to not chance climbing behind the wheel after drinking; instead, request a Tippy Tow for a safe and free ride home."

There are just two restrictions to using Tippy Tow: 1) AAA will give you and your car a free ride within a 15-mile radius from point of pickup, and 2) the only place AAA will take you and your vehicle is home.

To access Tippy Tow, call AAA South Dakota at (800) 222-4357 and ask for Tippy Tow. The auto club will make sure you and your car get home safely, no questions asked.

USD Law School Named As 2011 'Best Value'

VERMILLION — The University of South Dakota School of Law is one of 60 law schools in the nation named to The National Jurist list of "Best Value" law schools of 2011.

The magazine's ranking takes into account in-state tuition, debt and the percent of graduates employed nine months after graduation, in addition to bar passage. The list, which was released earlier this week, is dominated by public schools and it's the fifth time since 2004 that the magazine has honored law schools for providing a good value.

Criteria used to identify the "Best Value" law schools, according to the magazine, were based on a two year average for both bar pass rate and percent of students employed, and it did not automatically exclude

schools that did not meet the bar pass standard or a tuition or employment standard.

"The School of Law is doing its best to provide students a legal education with an emphasis on value," said Thomas Geu, dean of the USD School of Law. "And being listed as best value evidences that emphasis. It's also a tribute to our faculty and their commitment to ensuring that our students have an opportunity to excel in the classroom and courtroom, preparing them for a successful career after college."

The complete list of "Best Value" law schools and additional information about the rankings can be found at www.nationaljurist.com/content/best-value-law-schools-2011-dominated-public-schools.

Volin Postal Meeting Set For Friday

From P&D Staff Reports

VOLIN — The United States Postal Service (USPS) is holding a public meeting Friday on the possible closure of the Volin post office.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the post office. The meeting will open with a presentation by USPS officials, followed by questions and comments from the audience.

In this area, post offices in Davis, Dimock, Lesterville, Mission Hill, Olivet, Utica and Volin are on the list. Also up for review are post offices in Magnet, Neb.; Royal, Neb.; and St. Helena, Neb.

They are part of a list of 3,700 retail locations across the country that the USPS is reviewing for possible closure. The list represents about one-tenth of the USPS's nearly 32,000 retail offices across the country.

Meetings were held earlier this week in Davis and Mission Hill. The Volin meeting is the last one currently scheduled in the area. The other postal meetings will be announced in the future.

Participate In The Great Community Book Read

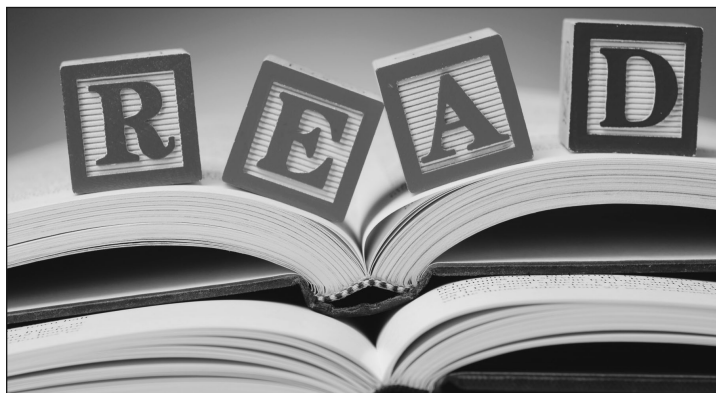
BROOKINGS — Many South Dakota communities are faced with the challenge of retaining the next generation of community leaders, says Dave Olson, Horizons Community Coach for SDSU Extension.

"Many communities are concerned that they are investing in young people who end up leaving once they graduate from high school," said Olson, who coaches small towns to help them build the capacity of leadership through SDSU Horizons. "They discovered that their school districts were using the majority of its resources on students who will leave while neglecting those high school graduates who decide to remain in the community."

For communities interested in retaining their best and brightest and encouraging the next generation of leaders, SDSU Extension is recruiting 20 small towns to explore and discuss the future of education in their communities by participating in the Great Community Book Read.

"Reading a book together creates a whole new social network within a community. It opens up a community-wide level of discourse. Providing a positive vehicle for discussion," Olson said.

The tool used to spur discussion is the book, "Hallowing Out the Middle: The Rural Brain Drain and What it Means for America" by Patrick J. Carr and Maria J. Kefalas. The book is a



study of what one small town in Iowa has done and not done with the way it educated its youth.

The book points out how the imbalance in use of the community's educational resources that urge students out of community while neglecting high school graduates who stay. Some graduates returned right after college and a few returned in their 30s after developing careers. However, the community did little to attract them.

The authors grouped the high school graduates into four types: The Achievers: those who were programmed out of the community; The Seekers: those who wanted to get out of town and see the world; The Stayers: those who remained, didn't receive postsecondary education, and had limited income opportunities; The Returners: those who received postsecondary education and came back to a family business or farm and those who

had children and wanted to raise them in a small town environment.

"This book deals with an issue everyone can relate to," Olson said.

SDSU Extension asked a few communities across the state to participate in a trial book read, Olson, saw positive results from communities who participated.

"Communities came up with action strategies they feel will help reduce their communities 'brain drain,'" Olson said.

One example he shares is of a community who asked organizations who give out scholarships to high school graduates to also make scholarships available to students who plan to attend technical schools — especially to study trades that the community lacks. Another community began a monthly community book club where the community will continue to read and discuss non-fiction books that address issues

the community faces.

For your community to participate in the Great Community Book Read, the community needs create a committee of five individuals who will agree to organize the book read. The committee then works with SDSU Extension to set a discussion deadline. The committee then needs to recruit 20 community members to read and discuss the book. SDSU Extension will then provide 20 free copies of the book. Contact Dave Olson for more information, 605-688-5614.

Olson encourages communities to contact him by Sept. 30, as individuals from communities who participate will be invited to attend a conference in Pierre Jan. 22-23 where co-author Maria Kefalas will be the keynote speaker.

Organized by SDSU Extension, the Great Community Book Read is part of a research project being conducted jointly by SDSU Extension, the Department of Political Science, and the Department of Sociology to increase community civic engagement and learn more about what makes communities sustainable. It has been approved by the Internal Review Office of South Dakota State University.

Funding for the Great Community Book Read is provided by the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences and Director of SDSU Extension, and the Great Plains IDEA Program.

OBITUARIES

Eugene Kozel

AVON — Funeral services for Eugene J. Kozel, 89 of Avon will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 2, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Avon, with burial in the Trinity Presbyterian Cemetery, rural Avon.

Visitation will be at the First Baptist Church Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m., with the family present. Crosby-Jaeger Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Eugene J. Kozel, son of Joseph F. and Mary (Kloucek) Kozel, was born October 11, 1921 on a farm near Scotland, SD. He died Monday, August 29, 2011 at the Good Samaritan Society in Wagner. Eugene attained the age of 89 years, 10 months and 19 days.

In 1925, the family moved to a farmstead near Dante, SD. In 1929, Eugene and his parents



Kozel

and he began his life-long career in farming.

Eugene married Genevieve F. Wittmeier on September 6, 1942 at Dante and together they lived on the family farm for 56 years. They would have celebrated 69 years together this September. Their union was blessed with three sons. In 1998, they moved to a home in Avon. Eugene continued to farm his entire life, working with his son Larry, until health issues kept him from get-

ting on the tractor.

Eugene served on the Lone Tree 54 School Board for many years and on the Lone Tree Township Board. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, especially catching bluegills on area lakes or ice fishing on a warm winter's day. Eugene shot many a pheasant with the ole' Browning.

Eugene will be remembered for his love for his family, his love for farming and his kindness and generosity. He was very proud of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Thankful for having shared his life are his wife Genevieve of Avon; sons: Larry and wife Sharon of Wagner and Douglas and wife Colleen of Pierre; four grandchildren: Steve and wife Beth Kozel of Spearfish, Julie Freier and husband Mark of Pickstown, Lane Kozel of Bismark, ND

and Lindsey Kozel of Pierre; four great grandchildren: Zachary and Megan Kozel and Abigail and Simon Freier; seven sisters-in-law: Eileen Skelton of Avon, Lorine Gandolfi of Burlingame, CA, Kalma Koenig of San Mateo, CA, Gudrun Schoenrogge of St. Francis, KS, Sheila Idlewine and husband Norman of Newport, IN, Verletta Wittmeier of Tripp, and Marlene Wittmeier of Avon; brother-in-law Clayton Wittmeier and wife Minnie of Avon; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Eugene was preceded in death by his son Robert on April 30, 2005; parents; sister Hedvicka "Hattie" Kozel; his parents-in-law Chris and Rosella Wittmeier; eight brothers-in-law; and numerous cousins and friends.

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